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Read the following:

Letter from the Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, No.9/119/49-Police-I, dated 22nd November, 1949.

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ORDER:

The Madras Government recently requested the Government of India to allot more ~~imprex~~ imported revolvers to this Province than at present in order to meet the growing demand of persons in genuine need of small arms for protection. The Government of India have expressed their inability to do so, but have suggested that this Government may attempt to do whatever is possible to interest arms dealers and the public in automatic pistols which are available with some of the importers. They have also pointed out that any insistence on the part of the dealers and the public for the purchase of revolvers in preference to pistols may turn out to be a mere prejudice which might involve the loss of both pistols and revolvers to this Province.

2. The existing instructions regarding the grant of licences are more stringent in the case of automatic pistols than in the case of revolvers. According to paragraph 2 of G.O.448 ~~(Public x (Police) x d x i d~~ x Public (Police) dated 26th August 1933, licences for automatic pistols should not be granted by licensing authorities without the previous consent of the Government and licensing authorities are required make the most careful enquiries and to recommend the grant of such licences only in the case of persons who are in genuine need of automatics and who can be relied upon to keep them in safe custody.

3. In the circumstances, stated by the Government of India, the Government consider that licences for automatic pistols may be granted more freely than hitherto. Licensing authorities are accordingly requested to be a little more liberal in recommending applications for licences for automatic pistols.

(By Order of His Excellency the Governor)

O. Pulla Reddi,
Secretary to Government.

To all District Magistrates.
To the Commissioner of Police, Madras-8.
To the Board of Revenue, Madras-5.
To the Inspector General of Police, Madras-4.

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Superintendent,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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